

GLOBAL WARMING, THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT AND YOUR FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTION

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SUMMER SUNDAYS

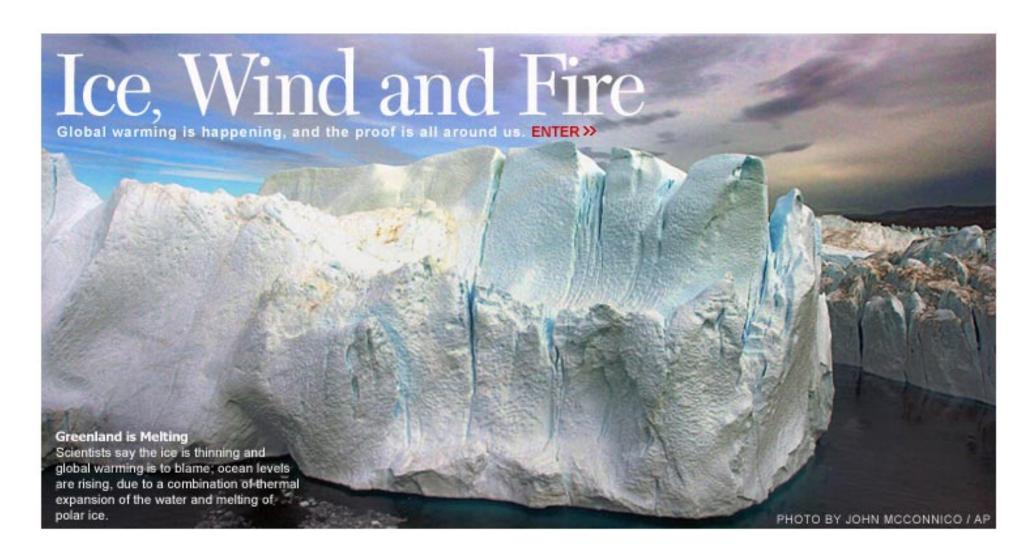
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NEW ORLEANS

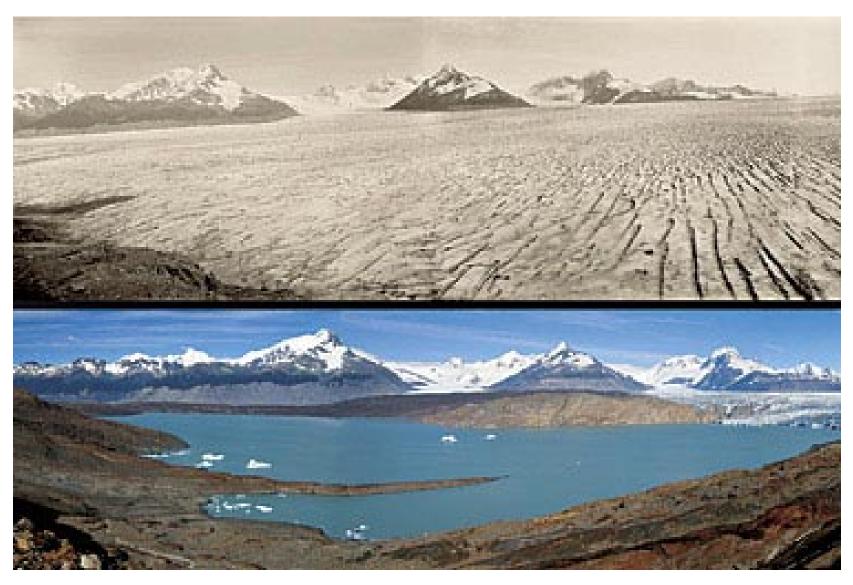


ALASKA



UPSALA GLACIER, ANDES, ARGENTINA

1928



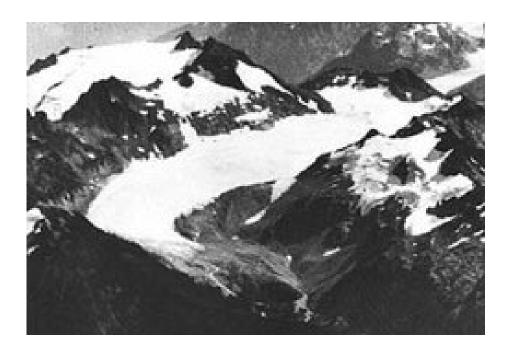
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RETREAT OF MID-LATITUDE GLACIERS

South Cascade Glacier, Washington

1928 2000





PASTERZE GLACIER, AUSTRIA 1875 - 2004



About 2 km shorter.

Terminus replaced by artificial lake.

Decrease in length about 15 meters per year.

In 2003, decrease was 30 m in length and 6.5 m in thickness.

PORTAGE GLACIER, ALASKA 1914 - 2004





http://www.worldviewofglobalwarming.org/pages/glaciers.html

RHONE GLACIER, VALAIS, SWITZERLAND 1859 - 2001





Glacial retreat is 2.5 km.

Base is 450 meters higher.

GRINNELL GLACIER GLACIER NATIONAL PARK 1911 - 2000





GLACIER AX010, NEPAL, 1978-2004



http://snowman.ihas.nagoya-u.ac.jp/download/photo/AX010.html

FUNAFUTI, TUVALU

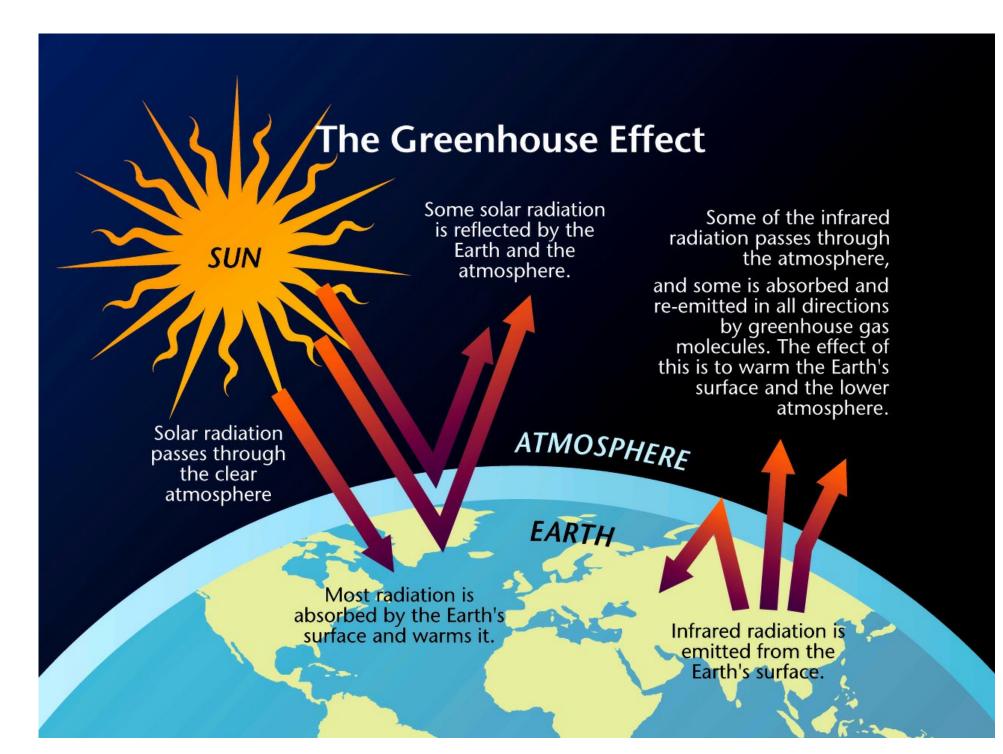




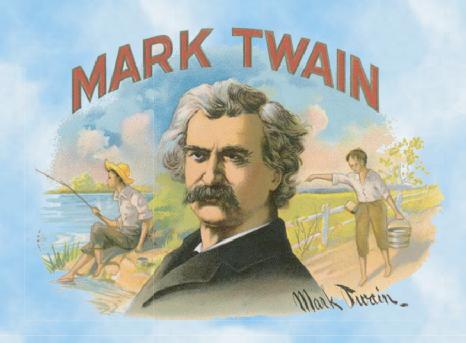
The 11,000 Tuvaluans live on nine coral atolls with typical elevation 2 meters and not exceeding 5 meters.

"Our whole culture will have to be transplanted."

- Paani Laupepa, Former Assistant Environmental Minister later Assistant Secretary for Foreign Affairs

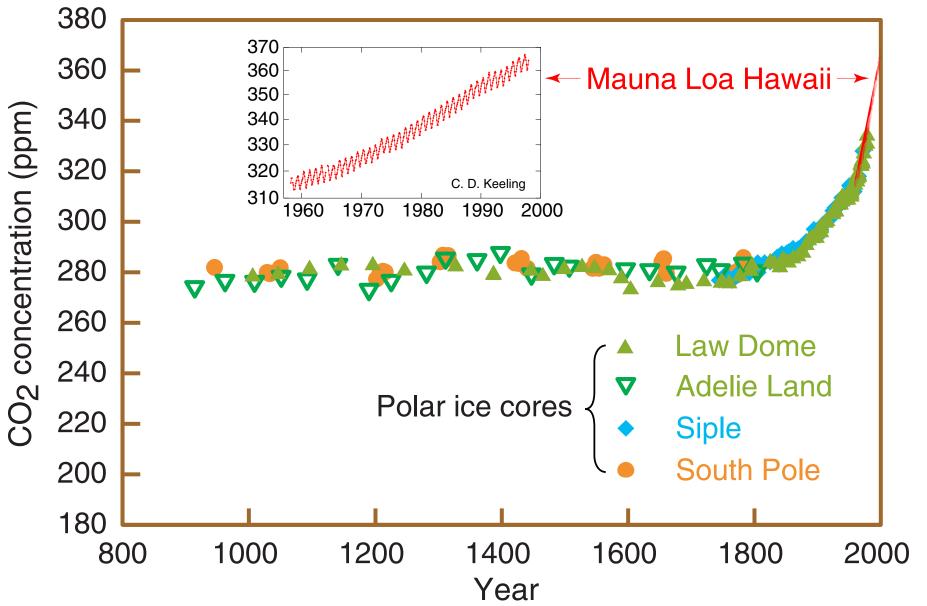


Everybody talks about the weather — But nobody does anything about it.



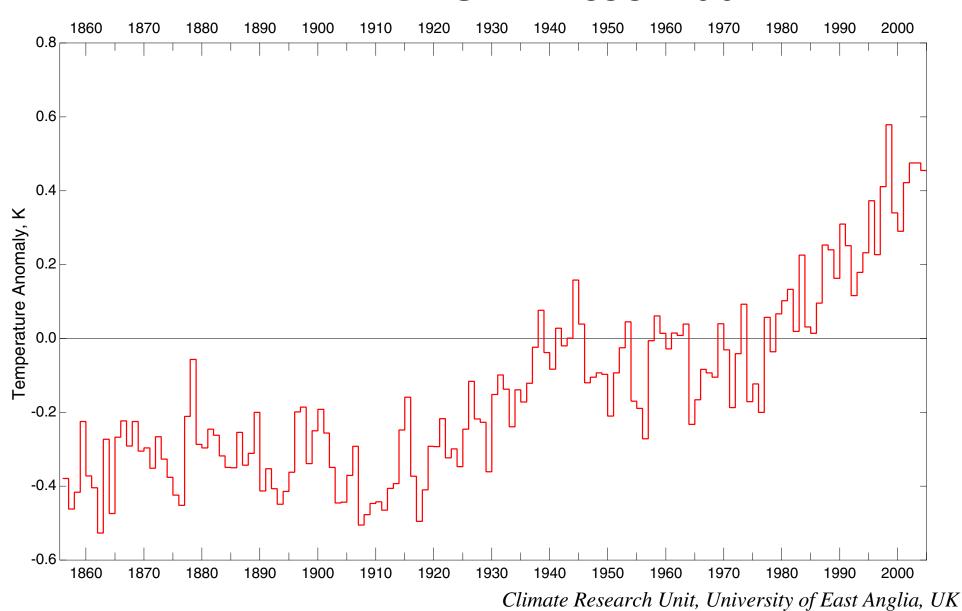
Now with the greenhouse effect, we ARE doing something about it. What are we doing?

ATMOSPHERIC CARBON DIOXIDE IS INCREASING

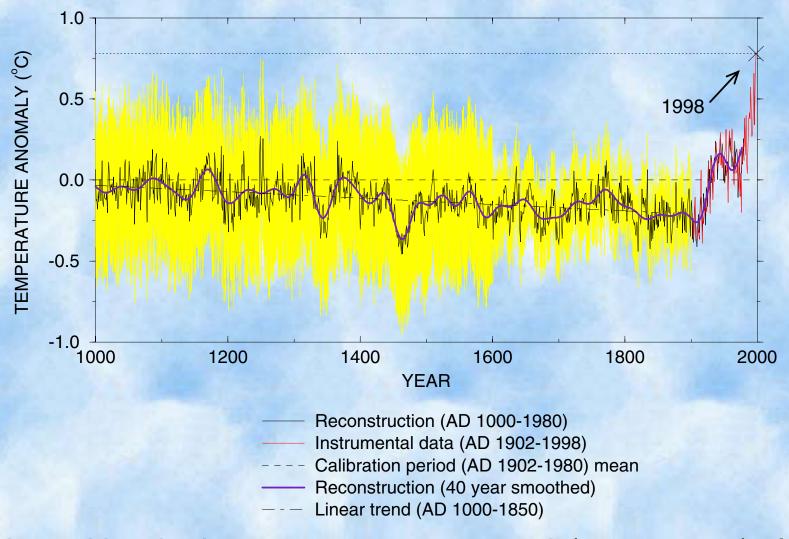


Global carbon dioxide concentration over the last thousand years

CHANGE IN GLOBAL MEAN SURFACE TEMPERATURE 1855-2004



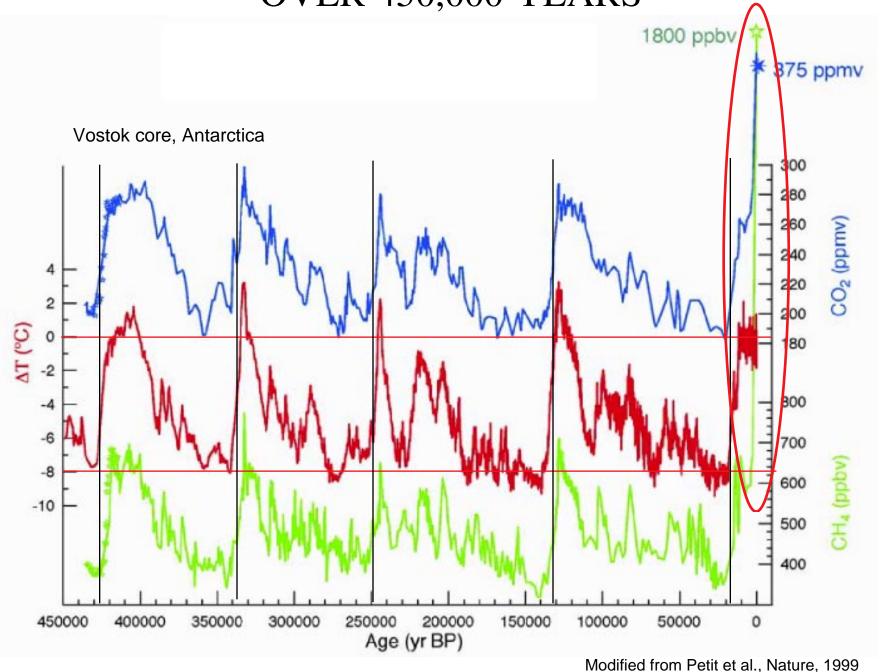
THE TEMPERATURE'S RISING



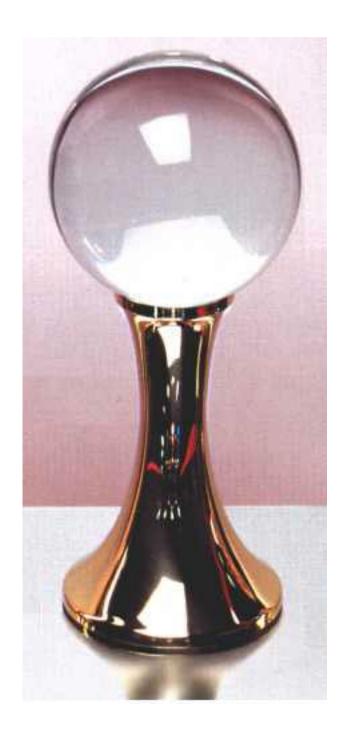
Northern Hemisphere temperature trend (1000-1998), from tree-ring, coral, and ice-core proxy records as calibrated by instrumental measurements.

Mann et al., Geophysical Research Letters, 1999

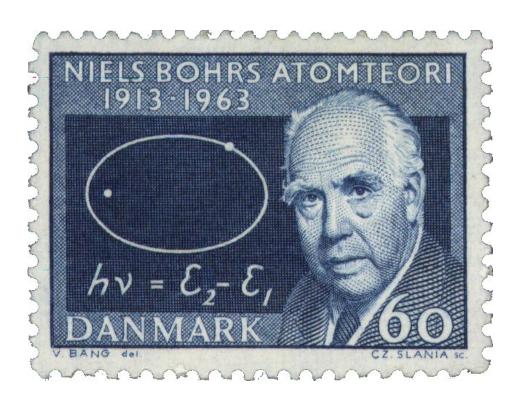
GREENHOUSE GASES AND TEMPERATURE OVER 450,000 YEARS



Looking to the Future . . .



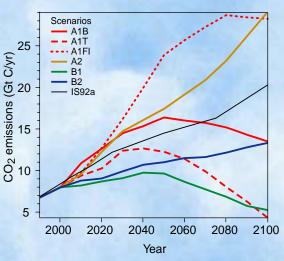
Prediction is difficult, especially about the future.



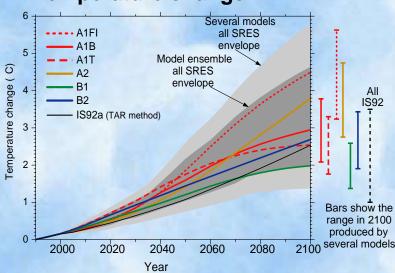
Niels Bohr

PROJECTED CO₂ EMISSIONS AND CONCENTRATIONS AND GLOBAL TEMPERATURE AND SEA LEVEL, 2000-2100

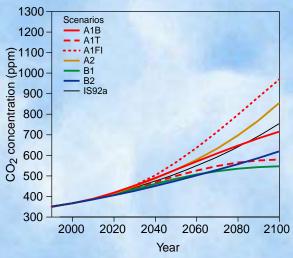
CO₂ emissions



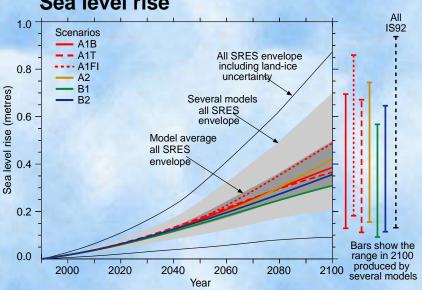
Temperature change



CO₂ concentrations

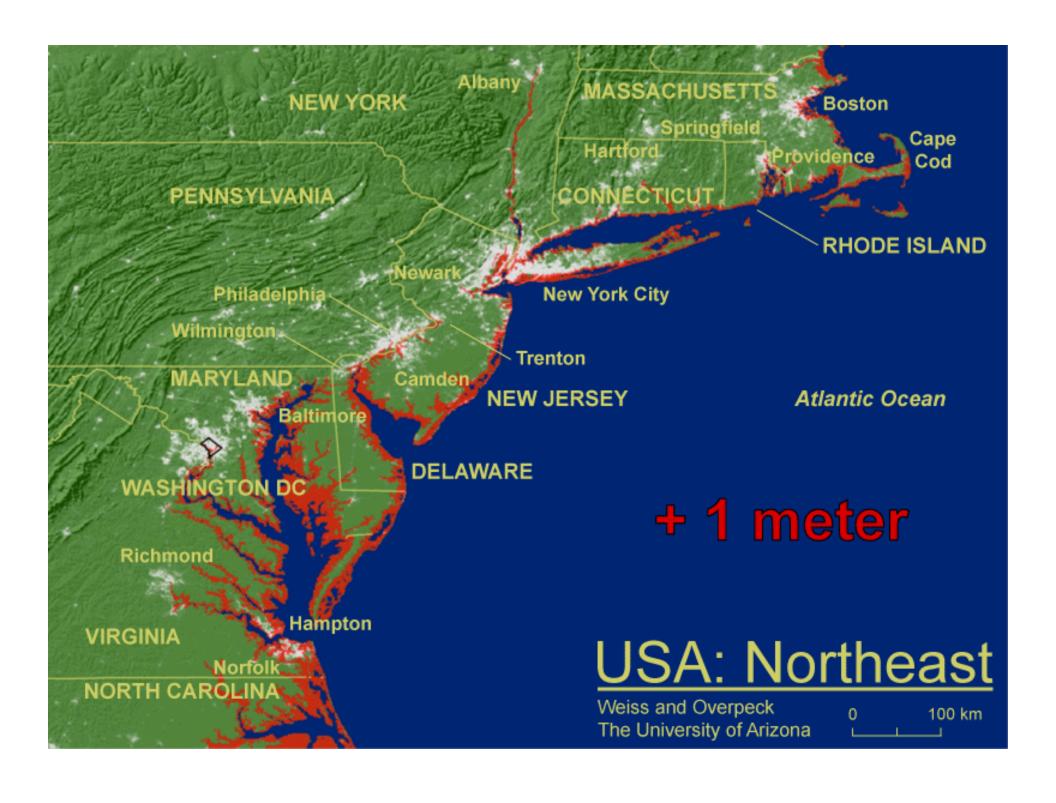


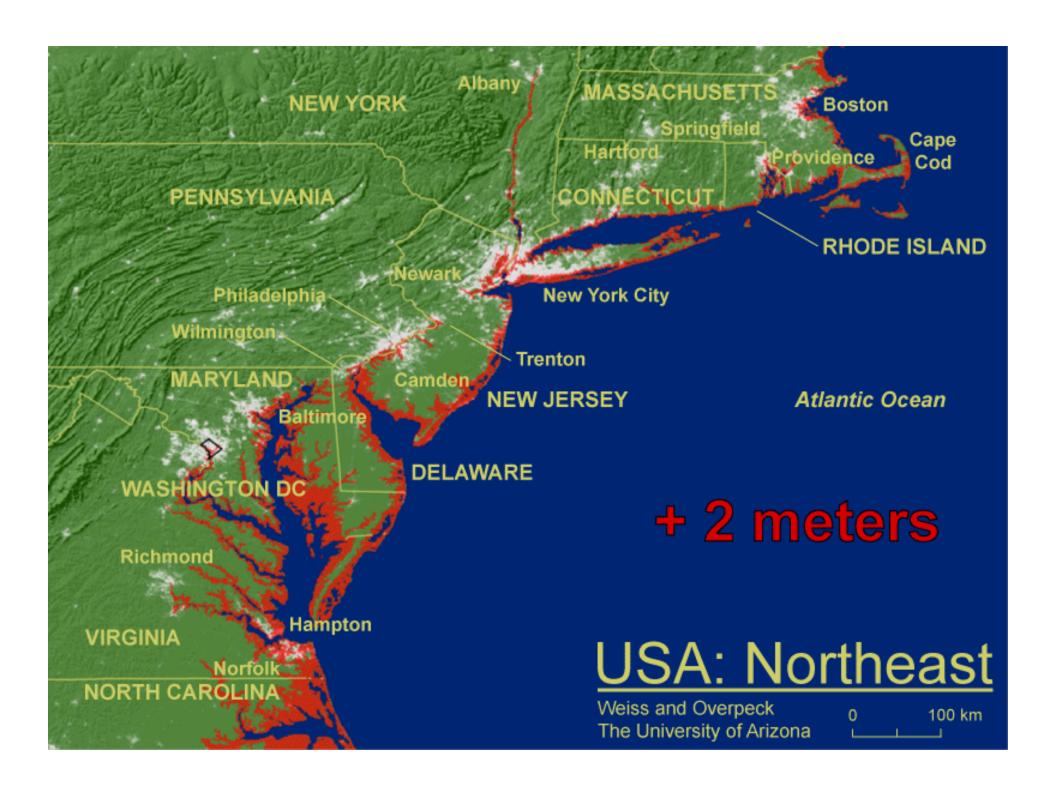
Sea level rise

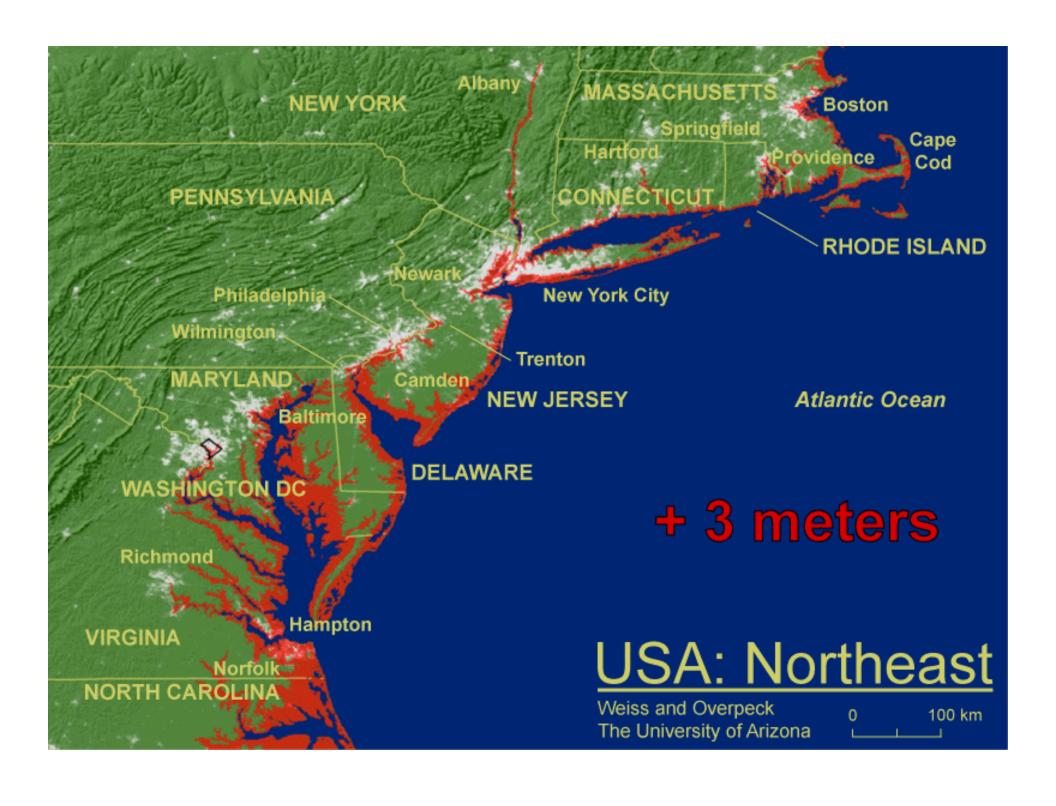


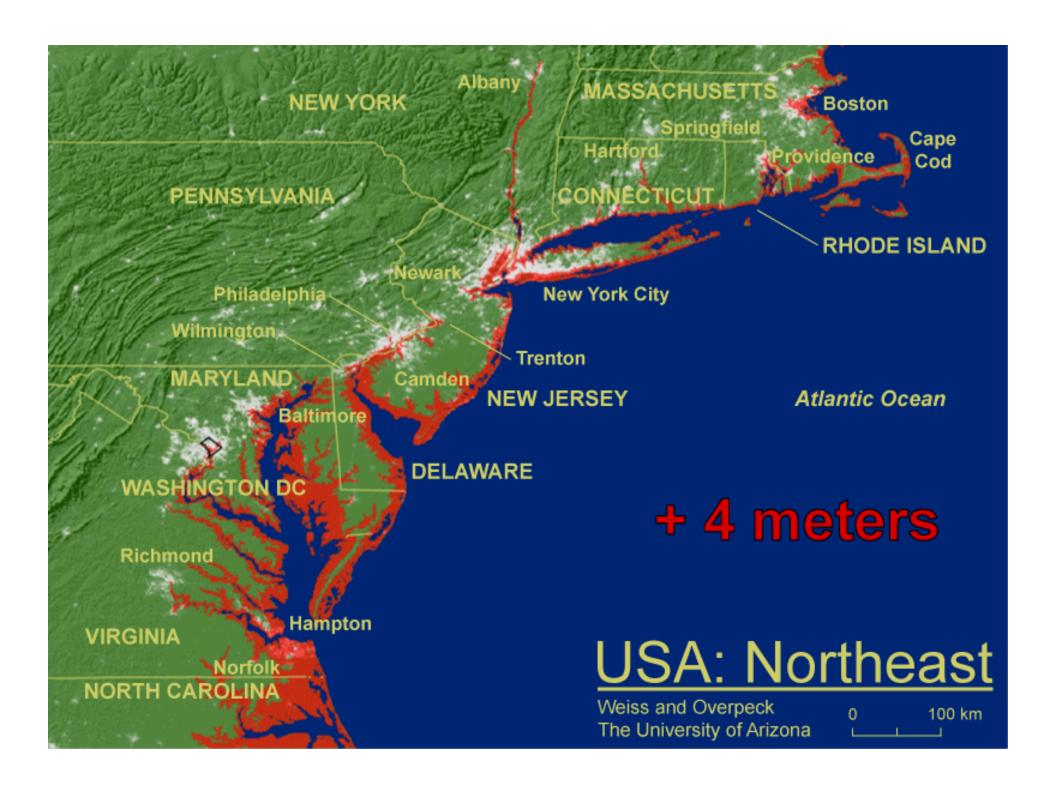
IPCC, 2001

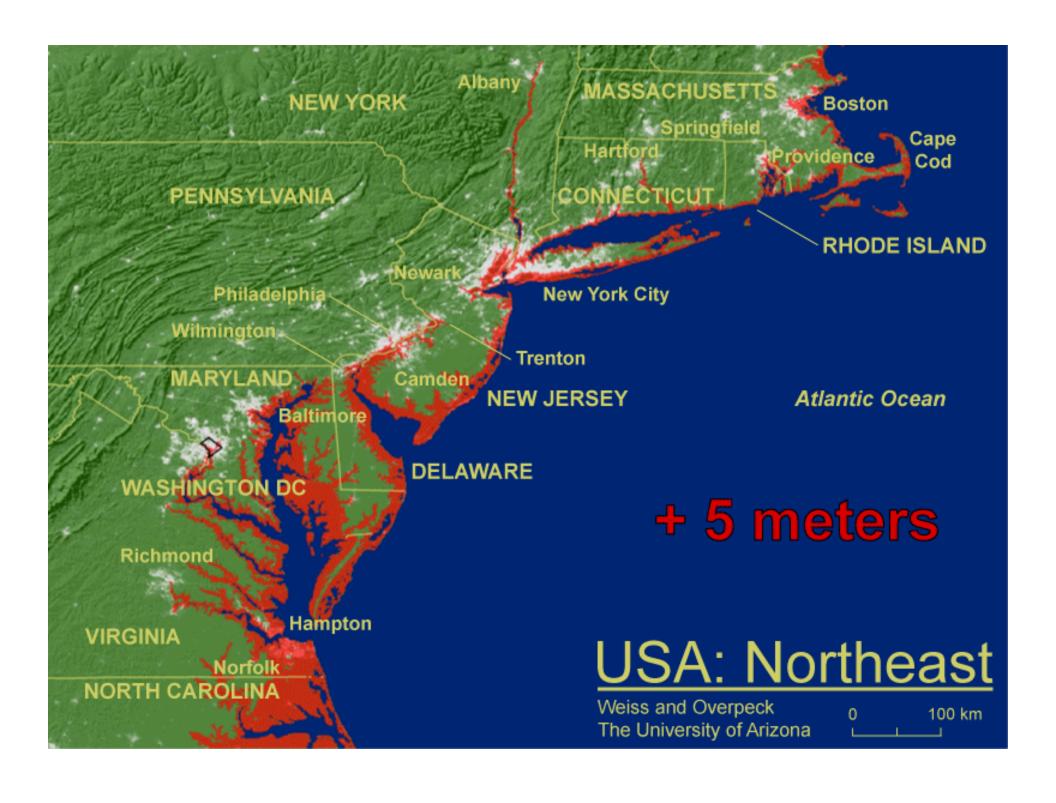


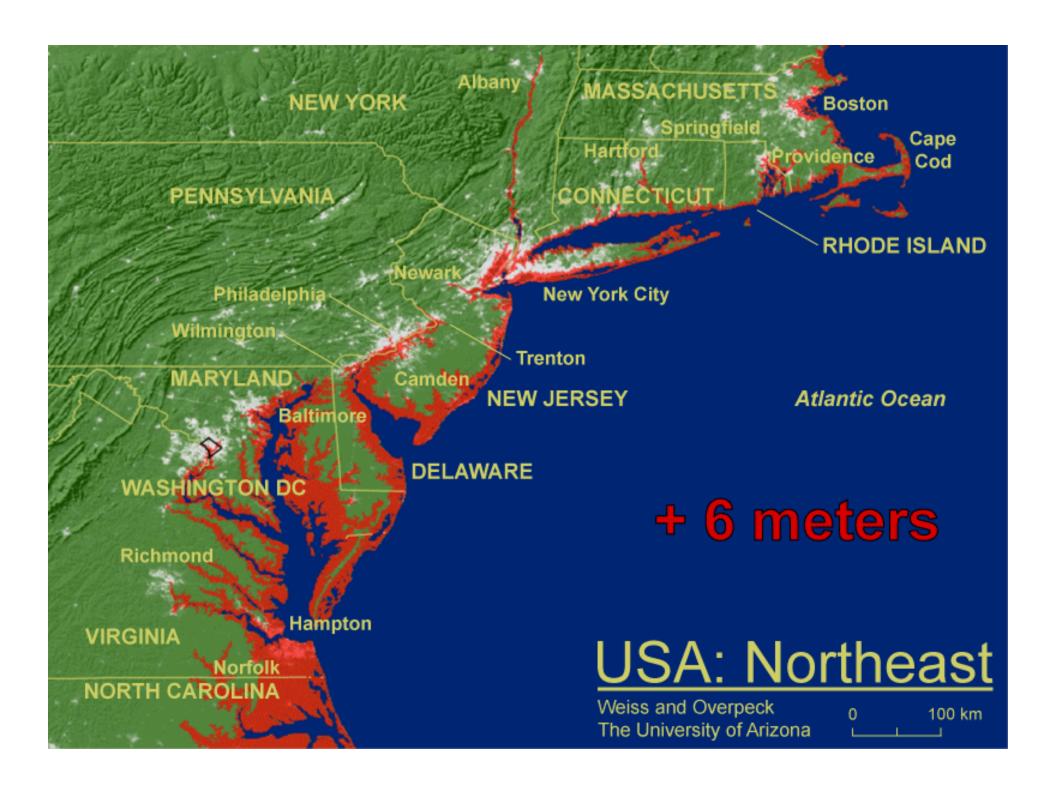










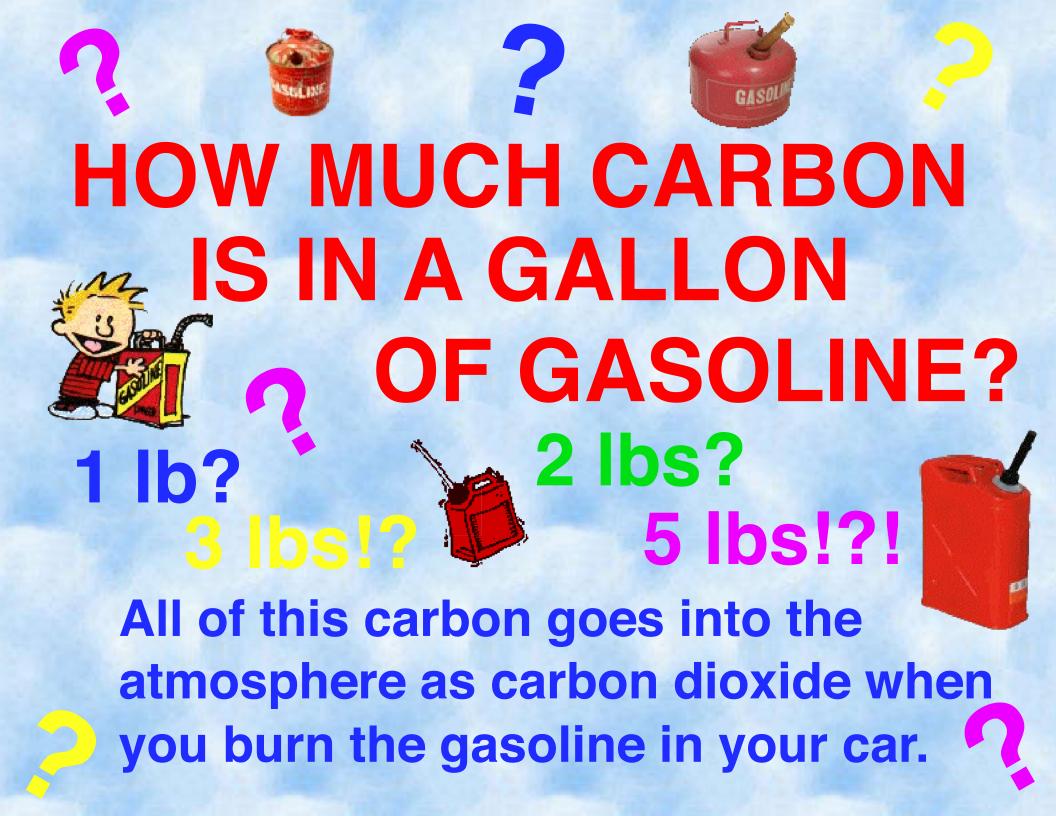




"Gentlemen, it's time we gave some serious thought to the effects of global warming."

WHERE IS ALL THIS CO₂ COMING FROM?

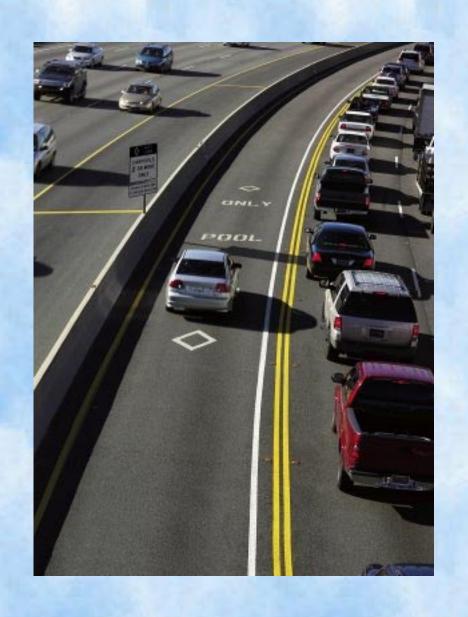
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?



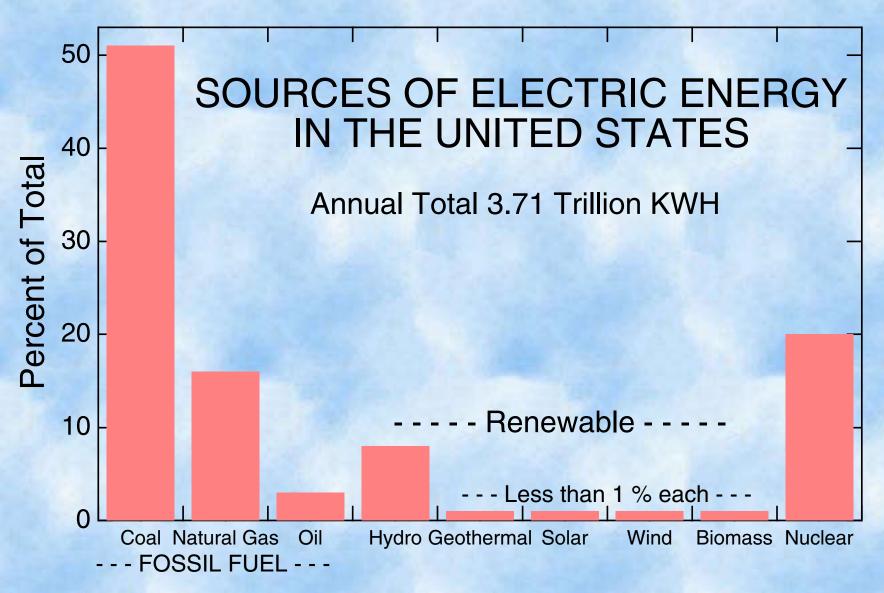
THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DOUBLE THE FUEL ECONOMY OF A CAR . . .



CARPOOLING CAN SAVE MORE THAN GAS

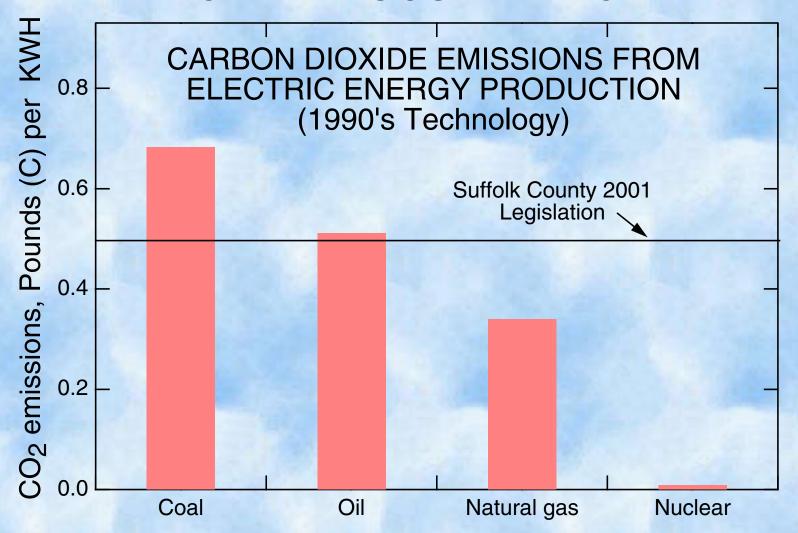


WHERE DOES YOUR ELECTRIC ENERGY COME FROM?



On Long Island most electric energy derives from combustion of oil.

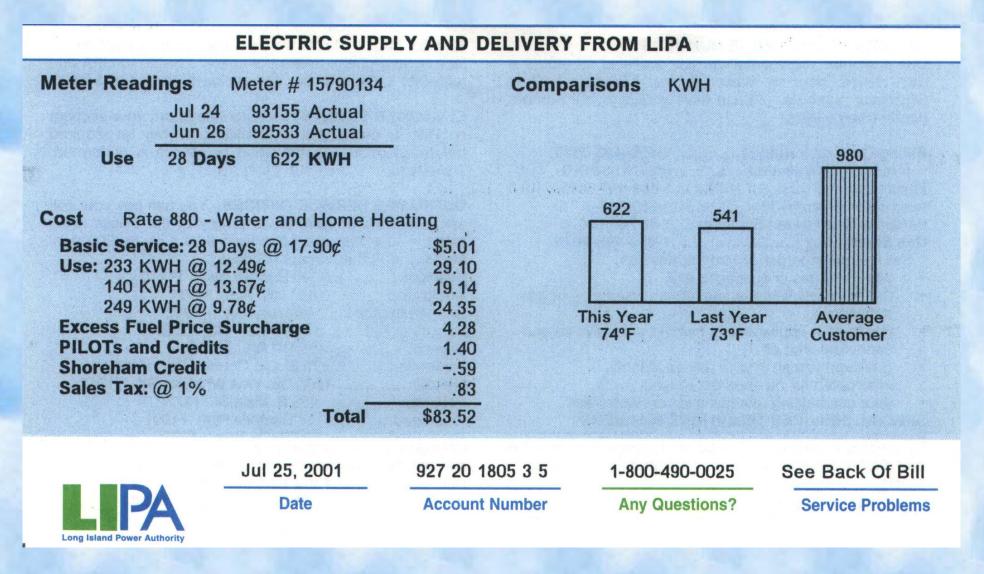
YOUR FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT



A typical household using 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month is responsible for emission of 3 tons of carbon a year in the form of carbon dioxide.

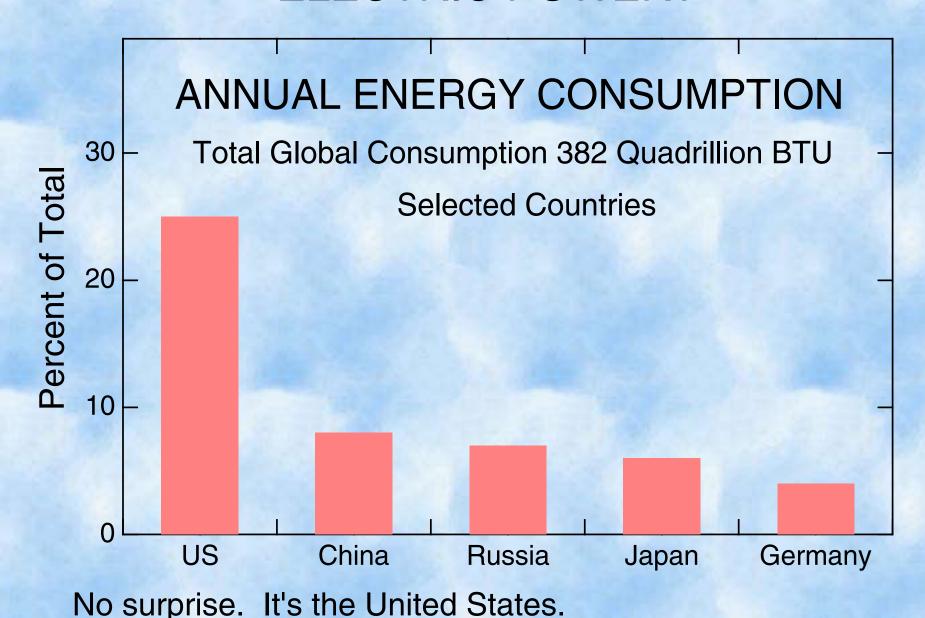
How much does your household contribute?

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

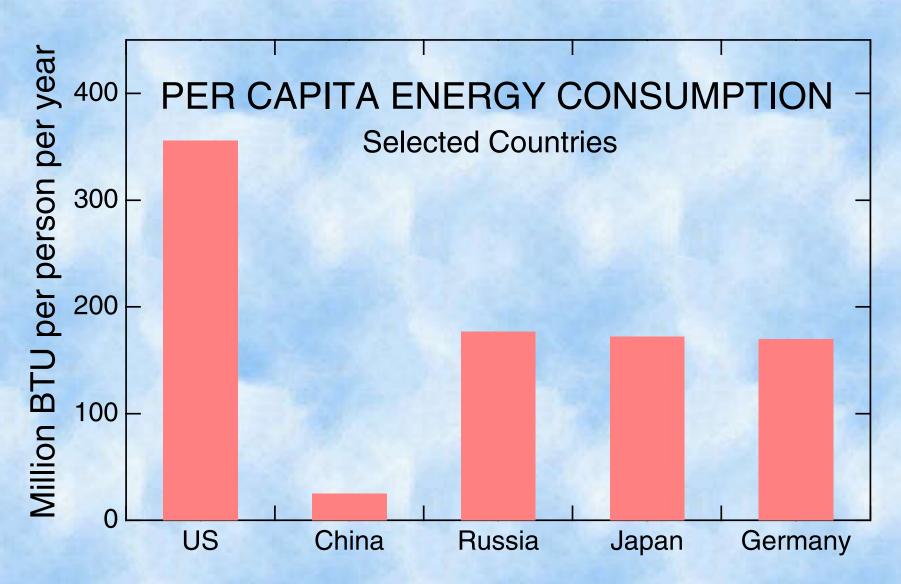


At half a pound of carbon per KWH, the average household is responsible for emission of 500 pounds of carbon a month.

WHAT COUNTRY USES THE MOST ELECTRIC POWER?

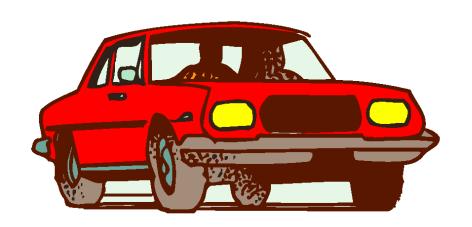


WHAT COUNTRY USES THE MOST ELECTRIC POWER PER CAPITA?



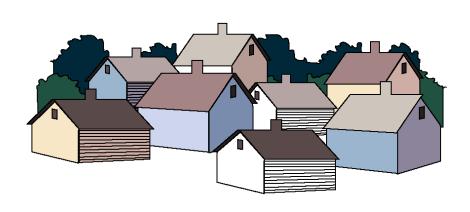
No surprise. It's the United States again.

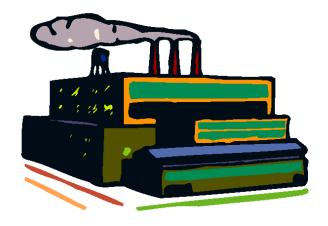
WHERE IS THIS CARBON DIOXIDE COMING FROM? WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE.



Burning a gallon of gasoline in your car puts 5 pounds of carbon in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide (CO₂), and it will stay there for decades — maybe a century!

Other sources are home heating and electric power production.





Global Atmosphere, Global Warming

QUESTIONS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

- IS IT REAL?
- IS IT IMPORTANT?
- WHAT IS IT DUE TO?
- HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE EXPECT?
- ARE WE SEEING JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG?



RESEARCH IS HELPING TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

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